

Concordia University

Council of the Faculty of Arts and Science

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, September 13, 1985

Present: Dean C. Bertrand, Chairman; D. Dicks; G. Valaskakis; P. Albert; F. Shlosser; T. Arbuckle-Maag; V. Baba; D. Brown; M. Barlow; A. Broes; R. Cronin; L. Crysler; M. Doughty; J. Doyle; W. Gilsdorf; R. Hooper; J. Locke; D. Markiewicz; D. McDougall; R. Moroziuk; S. Mullett; M. Oppenheim; R. Pallen; B. Petrie; B. Sahni; W. Sellers; R. Sharma; H. Breslow; S. von Breevoort; J. Hill; W. Knitter; W. Byers; C. Foster; J. Princz; A. Broadhurst (representing Political Science); D. Shapiro; G. Trudel; L. Van Toch; K. Waters. L. Gray; D. Konig.

Absent with Regrets: G. Newsham.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dean Bertrand asked to have an item on changes in the composition of Faculty Council added to the agenda as Item 7a.

85-7-1 A motion, moved by Prof. Byers, seconded by Prof. Sellers, to approve the agenda as amended was voted on and carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

85-7-2 It was moved and seconded (Mullett/Broes) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 10, 1985.

Referring to page 12 of the minutes Prof. Mullett said that they were accurate, but she had made a mistake in the representation of her department's position with regard to credits given for the departmental Honours Thesis. She asked to have an item on the matter included on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Chairman suggested that it could be considered with a number of curriculum reports to be presented at that time.

The motion to approve the minutes was voted on and carried.

85-7-3 It was moved and seconded (Pallen/Broes) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 22, 1985.

The motion was voted on and carried.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Since this was the first meeting of the academic year the Chairman asked the members to introduce themselves. Following that, Dean Bertrand reported that a staff meeting is to be held on Friday, September 20th in Room H-110, the purpose of which is to introduce the various people involved in the Office of the Dean of Arts and Science to the faculty and staff and to explain the new structure in terms of the responsibilities of each of the Vice-Deans. He thought it particularly important for the staff to attend and to that end said he planned to alert the Vice-Rector Academic and the Rector's Office of his intention to close Arts and Science down at three o'clock in order to allow all staff to attend. In view of that planned meeting he gave only a brief outline of the portfolios of each of the Vice-Deans and named the staff members reporting to them. As well, he named the Budget Manager and the people reporting to him.

Concerning the new system now in place Dean Bertrand said that it has been found that there is a lack of consistency across the Faculty in a number of areas in terms of the way policies were set and certain situations were handled so that one of the big tasks for this year will be to come up with a consistent policy on a number of issues that will be applied Faculty-wide. In order to accomplish this a number of members, including students, will be called upon to help in terms of membership on advising committees.

5. QUESTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prof. Pallen announced that a group at Concordia has been awarded a 1.3 million dollar grant for research and that Dr. Langford, Chairman of Chemistry, is the head of the team which includes people from the Chemistry Department here and at McGill as well as people from Engineering here. He referred the members to the covering story in The Thursday Report for full details.

The matter of registration procedures was raised and some dissatisfaction with the system was expressed, particularly with the splitting of the advising process from the actual formal registration process which led, especially downtown, to students having to track back and forth from one building to another because advisors were not informed as courses closed out. The question of being committed to a registration process that starts in March and carries right through to the Fall was raised and two difficulties with the system were mentioned: 1) inconvenience for faculty, and 2) the dissatisfaction on the part of the students who have to return to departments more than once.

It was asked what had happened to the committee of Council that was charged with investigating the possibility of decentralizing registration by various computer means.

The Chairman replied that there has not been an ultimate decision made and that it is still something to be discussed. He acknowledged that it has been recognized that there were some problems with this half-step towards a new system and that Profs. Dicks and Shlosser intend to work together to try to come up with some of the answers to the problems raised. He said that in the long term it is his hope that an on-line decentralized system

will be introduced and noted that we are getting closer to that end only in that more and more departments now have access to computers and that one of the projects for the year is to work out the mechanics of the system and to tie it into the advising process.

Ms. Konig reported that four new student members of Council had been appointed: Saskia von Breevoort, Harris Breslow, Yael Lifshitz and herself, Deborah Konig.

6. NEW DESIGNATION FOR DIVISIONAL REPRESENTATIVES ON STANDING COMMITTEES

The Chairman explained that in view of the reorganization of the Faculty the members of a number of standing committees described as representatives of a particular Division would have to be changed and he read the recommendations of the Steering Committee (ASFC 85-7-D2, uncirculated).

85-7-4 It was moved and seconded (Crysler/Broes) to approve Steering Committee's recommendation that the divisional designations of Arts and Science representatives on standing committees of Faculty Council and other University bodies be changed to "faculty members elected by the Arts and Science Faculty Council" as follows:

Senate Library Committee - six faculty members elected by the Council of the Faculty of Arts and Science

Graduate Awards Committee - three faculty members elected by the Council of the Faculty of Arts and Science

Committee to Supervise Elections - three faculty members elected by the Council of the Faculty of Arts and Science

Arts and Science Curriculum Committee - five faculty members elected by the Council of the Faculty of Arts and Science

Student Request Committee - three faculty members elected by the Council of the Faculty of Arts and Science

Faculty Honours Committee - three faculty members elected by the Council of the Faculty of Arts and Science

Vote: Carried

7. ELECTION OF STEERING COMMITTEE OF FACULTY COUNCIL

The Chairman reminded the members that it was expected that only those who have teaching commitments on Wednesday mornings would be excused from having their names stand for election to Steering Committee.

A ballot giving the names of those eligible for election (i.e. those who have served at least one year on a Faculty Council) was distributed and the names of members who teach Wednesday mornings were struck. The name of Prof. Barton was replaced by that of Prof. Brown and that of Prof. Raudsepp was replaced by Prof. Crysler's name. Prof. Byer's name was added.

The method of voting chosen was to have members cast four votes on the ballot and to declare the four with the highest number of votes elected.

Following counting of the ballots Profs. B. Sahni (Economics), R. Pallen (Chemistry), A. Broes (English), and M. Oppenheim (Religion) were declared elected to the Steering Committee.

Dean Bertrand announced that the two student members on Steering Committee will be Harris Breslow and Deborah Konig.

8. CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OF FACULTY COUNCIL (ASFC 85-7-D1)

The Chairman read Steering Committee's recommendations on the composition of Faculty Council (ASFC 85-7-D1) which included adding the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science to the list; replacing seats for Divisional Deans with seats for the four Vice-Deans; removing seats for Health Education and the Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies; correcting the listing for the Vice-Rector Academic, Biology, and the Centre for Co-Operative Education; and deleting the statement referring to rotation of the Chairmanship of the former Divisional Deans.

85-7-5 It was moved and seconded (Trudel/Gilsdorf) to recommend to Senate that the revisions in the composition of the Council of the Faculty of Arts and Science as outlined in Document ASFC 85-7-D1 be made.

85-7-6 It was moved and seconded (Gilsdorf/Broes) to amend the document by adding "Chairperson" to the listing of the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science.

The motion as amended was voted on and carried.

9. ELECTIONS

a) Arts and Science Faculty Panel (Academic Regulations Regarding Cheating)

Dean Bertrand reported that Steering Committee's nomination for the Faculty Panel was Prof. S. Hoffman (English).

85-7-7 It was moved and seconded (McDougall/Doyle) to close nominations.
Vote: Carried

Prof. Hoffman was declared elected.

10. ELECTIONS TO TAKE PLACE AT THE NEXT MEETING OF FACULTY COUNCIL

The Chairman drew attention to Item 10 of the agenda on the elections to take place at the next meeting.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

No new business was raised.

12. ADJOURNMENT

85-7-8 The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. (Doyle/Broes).